

to offer their community, and Mr. Halliwell has made it his calling to help those members of his community who might have the most difficulty in doing this to contribute to the fullest extent. His service to the citizens of York County has been unparalleled, and for this I commend him.

My constituents have had their lives enriched by Mr. Halliwell in many ways. In addition to his activities with individuals with disabilities, he has been a member of numerous community and public service organizations. He has served as a board member of many State and local associations, including the Pennsylvania Association of Sheltered Workshops, the Children's Growth and Development Clinic of York Hospital, the United Way of York County, and other community organizations.

Mr. Halliwell has led a long and illustrious career of helping others, especially those who are most in need. His commitment to this goal of inclusion and assimilation into the community of his community's retarded citizens has made York County a better place. I believe he has served as a role model, placing his reliance in doing what he believes is right to help others, rather than waiting for others to act. Mr. Speaker, I ask you and the rest of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Halliwell for the long career of public service he has given to York County. He is truly an outstanding citizen.

THANK YOU, GERRIE WOLVERTON

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who has been a leader not only in the field of health care but to other women and her community as well. On Wednesday, September 25, Gerrie Wolverton will be honored by the board of directors of Bay Health Systems. After 17 impressive years of service to Bay Health Systems and serving as corporate secretary to five Bay Health System boards, she will be retiring on September 30, 1996.

Gerrie Wolverton graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in business administration. Through the years she has risen steadily through the company from secretary to vice president of corporate services in Bay Health Systems.

Gerrie presently directs the activities of the marketing department, which she initiated in 1985. She developed the corporate publication, *Newsline*, which is read by over 43,000 households and has received numerous awards in the field of health care publications. In 1993, Gerrie received the Apollo Award for achievement in community publications from the Michigan Hospital Public Relations Association. Always one to take the initiative, Gerrie has been instrumental in the formation of the patient representative program, which handles patient satisfaction and the senior class program, providing support and educational programs for seniors.

Gerrie has always championed the cause of women in business. In 1994, she won the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Athena Award. Gerrie was nominated for the award for her in-

volvement with the Bay County YWCA as well as her establishment of the marketing intern program with Saginaw Valley. The majority of the interns are women and true to form, Gerrie has acted as a mentor to several and model for all.

Over the years, Gerrie has been involved with numerous charitable associations including fundraising for the Annual Cancer Foundation, the United Way, and the Professional Women's Association. She also established partnerships for education, a program in which medical professionals visit students in their classrooms.

As if all of these accomplishments weren't enough, Gerrie also found time to marry H. James Wolverton and raise five children, and now she has a total of seven grandchildren. Her accomplishments and activities in business, charity, and family life could fill three lifetimes. She is a leader and trailblazer not only for women but for all of us. Gerrie Wolverton's involvement in Bay Health Systems and her community has touched and improved us all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and all of our colleagues to join me in congratulating Gerrie Wolverton as she celebrates her well-deserved retirement from Bay Health Services and best wishes for the new challenges ahead.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL CAMPBELL

HON. SAM BROWNBACK

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Michael Campbell, a shrink-wrap operator at Wichita Industries and Services for the Blind [WISB] in Pittsburg, KS. On Tuesday, October 8, 1996, Mr. Campbell will be honored at the Annual Training Conference of the General Council of Industries for the Blind and National Industries for the Blind, as the 1996 Peter J. Salmon National Blind Employee of the Year.

Mr. Campbell was diagnosed with diabetes when he was six and diabetic retinopathy when he was 18. However, a series of laser treatments temporarily preserved some of his vision. He worked at various jobs after graduating from high school but diabetes ended his hopes of entering the military. As his vision loss progressed, it became increasingly difficult for Mr. Campbell to make a living. Then, after he was told that laser treatments could no longer be continued, Mr. Campbell, his wife, and their two daughters moved to Pittsburg, KS, to be near family.

Over the next 10 years, Mr. Campbell was out of work and took classes at Pittsburg State University, hoping to earn a business degree. Again, complications from diabetes arose, this time in the form of an infection resulting in the amputation of one of his legs.

In 1993 he contacted a rehabilitation center and was told about employment opportunities at a new manufacturing plant, WISB, which was opening in Pittsburg. Mr. Campbell was one of the first people to interview for a position at WISB and is still one of WISB's most dedicated employees. In 1994 his other leg showed signs of infection. Rather than risk getting sick again, doctors decided he should

have it removed, but Mr. Campbell continues to succeed with unquenchable determination and dignity. He has worked as a machine operator, a box erector, and now a shrink-wrap operator.

Thanks to WISB, Mr. Campbell is once again supporting his family. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Michael Campbell, the 1996 National Blind Employee of the Year, a hard working Kansan, and a distinguished American.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BULLHEAD CITY LITTLE LEAGUE JUNIOR LEAGUE ALL STARS

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 1996

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I represent the champions of the Little League Baseball District Tournament and State Tournament, the Bullhead City Little League Junior League. This winning team went on to outshine teams in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming to take the District 4 title. The State of Arizona could not have more pride in these super achievers.

Congratulations to the All Stars: Jake Dittler, Shannon Fernandez, Ross Gilbert, Mike Ingram, Lance Laven, Matt Long, Tom Messina, Shane Pollock, Chris Rivituso, Jason Scott, Art Strauss, Tom Talayumptewa, Jeremy Thompson, and Robert Tyler. Their success was led by their team manager, Ray Dittler and their coaches, Tom Messina and Tony Rivituso.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate for 1996 Arizona District 9 Champions, Arizona State Champions, and District 4 Champions on their achievements this season. I wish them the best of luck as these fine young players advance to the Junior League World Series in Taylor, MI. The entire State of Arizona will be cheering you on to your next winning game.

CONGRATULATIONS ON 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA NATIONAL DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the 85th National Day of the Republic of China, I would like to convey my greetings and congratulations to President Lee Teng-hui and the people in Taiwan.

The Republic of China on Taiwan is the 7th largest trading partner with the United States and the 17th largest trading country in the world. The Republic of China on Taiwan is an excellent example to the third world of how a free market system can achieve economic success in tandem with democracy. The Republic of China on Taiwan has achieved one of the highest standards of living in all of Asia, coupled with respect for human rights, freedom of speech, and full-fledged pluralism.

Such a country deserves to be a participant in the international community, namely, all